

## Police Beat

### Nothing stolen

Although a Norman Avenue, Acton, residence was broken into Tuesday evening, nothing was reported stolen. Between 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. culprits opened the front door gaining access to the home. However, there were no signs of theft, police say. A cordless drill was left by the front door but the drill did not belong to anyone at the residence. There was no evidence the drill had been used to open the front door. Police are investigating.

### Thieves strike

Approximately \$8,000 in various tools was stolen from a tool shed located behind a Main Street North, Acton, residence between Aug. 13 and 20. Police reported the culprits had little difficulty in removing the padlock on the tool shed. Police are investigating.

### Man charged

After a physical struggle with police at the Acton Sit 'n Bull Tavern Tuesday night, a 28-year-old Acton man has been charged with being intoxicated in a public place, assaulting police and escaping police custody. As the Acton man was being arrested for intoxication in a public place and escorted to a police cruiser, he broke free from police and ran down a nearby alley. Police pursued the man on foot and stopped him, however, the Acton man kicked the arresting officer in the groin before being subdued. Further, as the man was being escorted to the cruiser for the second time, he kicked the ar-

resting officer.

Police had arrived on the scene to charge a 20-year-old Acton woman with assault after she became involved in an argument with the owner of the Sit 'n Bull Tavern after being refused service. Police say she was being escorted out of the bar and began to argue with the owner. The Acton man grabbed the owner while the woman scratched his face. She continued by biting the owner on the left hand, puncturing the skin.

### Valuables stolen

A Park Street, Georgetown apartment was broken into Tuesday between 2 p.m. at midnight and cash, watches and a VCR, valuing \$1,400 were stolen. Police say the culprits entered the apartment by prying the deadbolt away from the front door. They proceeded to steal \$1,000 in loonies from a bedroom, two watches, a VCR and ransacked a main closet.

### Tapes stolen

About \$450 in cassette tapes were stolen from a 1987 Chevrolet pick-up between Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 a.m. Police are investigating.

### Teens injured

An 8:46 p.m. Tuesday accident at Steeles Avenue East and Fifth Line East resulted in a careless driving charge against a 17-year-old Milton female. Three 15-year-old Milton passengers sustained minor injuries in the accident.

Police say a 17-year-old female, operating a 1980 Silver Chrysler Cordoba, was travelling west on Steeles Avenue when she lost control of the vehicle. The car went into the opposite lane, across the gravel shoulder and into the ditch, rolling over.

## Thieves break into several cars

Georgetown and Acton were stomping grounds for petty thieves Wednesday night. At least six vehicles were entered but nothing of substantial value was stolen, Halton Regional Police say.

Between Wednesday at midnight and 7 a.m. Thursday, the convertible roof of a Volkswagen Cabriolet, parked at a Kingham Road, Acton address, was slashed and a remote control garage door operator was stolen. Police say nothing was reported stolen from the garage.

A vehicle parked at a Longfield Road address was broken into between 7 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. the following morning and a

woman's beige leather briefcase with dark brown trim and six cassette tapes were stolen from the car.

Another vehicle was broken into Wednesday night at Storey Drive in Acton. However, nothing was reported stolen to police. The owner did report damage had been done to the vehicle during the break-in.

A Weber Drive resident was the victim of petty thieves who entered a locked vehicle, between 10 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. the next morning. But the thieves only removed a car insurance slip and other small items. Police say the

insurance slip was later located and returned to the resident.

Between 10 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday, a fishing tackle box was stolen from a Ford Temp parked at a Sims Gate address, police say. Also stolen was a stuffed Garfield cat and car repair receipts. The thieves did not take loose cash left in the vehicle.

An attempt on a vehicle parked at another Weber Drive address was also made, however, further details of the investigation were not available at press time.

No suspects have been identified by police.

## Illiteracy still a fact of life among five million Canadians

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Can you count the number of times you read in a day - billboards, the newspaper, a menu, licence plates? Probably not. For many of us, reading happens so effortlessly that we take our ability to read for granted.

Surprisingly, five million Canadians don't have the reading and writing skills to handle common daily tasks according to the Southam Literacy Survey, and that number grows larger every year. That's one in 5 individuals who has problems reading his/her child a bedtime story, filling out a job application or figuring out the directions on a bottle of medicine.

The problem is too great for government alone to handle. Each year illiteracy costs Canada over \$10 billion according to the Business Task Force on Literacy. In 1990/91, the government has committed to spending \$21 million in its fight against illiteracy. A significant portion of the funding goes toward establishing Workplace Literacy Programs where employers are involved in upgrading the literacy skills of their employees.

Ongoing job training is now more common than ever before. Lower skills jobs are diminishing with administrative, technical and higher level service jobs on the rise. In the past employers had the option of hiring trained staff to fill positions requiring new skills. There simply won't be enough young people

entering the workforce to meet our future skills requirements, meaning that existing employees will have to be trained - and maybe several times.

Training and re-training are of no value if employees cannot understand the language used in instruction manuals and in training programs. Many larger corporations with the foresight and the means are implementing literacy training programs in the workplace as a first step to further skills training. Unions too are raising the issue of basic skills upgrading at the bargaining table. In 1987, General Motors and the Auto Workers Union jointly committed to give every GM employee equal opportunity to achieve highly skilled positions. GM employees now have access to basic literacy training at plant facilities.

While major corporations may have significant training budgets, smaller companies are unable to make similar provisions. In order that literacy programs be made accessible to all businesses in

Milton, Georgetown and Acton, the North Halton Literacy Guild is offering confidential, subsidized employee training. By involving their employees in the Workplace Literacy Training Program, companies within North Halton will not only benefit through having acted upon current trends but also can expect increased productivity as a result of the improved morale of employees who learn to read.



## Police seeking late-model van

Halton Regional Police in Milton are searching for a late model blue van which was indirectly involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident which took place on Trafalgar Road at 401 interchange on Thursday, July 5, 1990.

At 10 a.m. on this date a late model blue van which had been parked on the east shoulder of Trafalgar Road pulled onto the road northbound forcing a northbound tractor trailer unit to swerve into the southbound lane to avoid hitting it. The tractor trailer unit was struck by a southbound car fatally injuring the male driver and seriously injuring a female passenger.

Police are seeking any information that will help locate the late model van which did not remain at the scene. The van is believed to be either a Plymouth Grand Voyager SE or a Dodge Caravan SE. The van was being driven by a female and there was a male passenger.

If you have any information that may assist in this or any other case

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